

VA GROUND WATER PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on

Tuesday, July 19,, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Meeting Summary: Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Steering Committee members in attendance:

Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality

Deborah DeBiasi, Department of Environmental Quality

Rebecca Askew, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

George Harlow, US Geological Survey

Chris Adkins, Department of Health

Guests:

Michael Kohnke, Simon and Associates

Anthony Creech, Resource International

Sandra Warner, Olver Incorporated

Agencies not in attendance:

Virginia Cooperative Extension, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy,
Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Business
Assistance, and the Department of General Services/Division of Consolidated
Laboratories.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Department of Environmental Quality

Mary Ann Massie, Water Resources Division, reported the Ground Water Festivals are underway. Two are being held this week in Russell County. Additionally ground water will be highlighted at the June 17 workshop hosted by the Society of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Visit www.bse.vt.edu/swcs

The Wellhead Protection Plan should receive EPA approval in June. Mary Ann and Chris Adkins, VDH, will work together to develop criteria for implementation funding.

EPA has revised their grant workplan submission criteria. DEQ is working with Region III to address EPA National, EPA Regional, and State Strategic Planning goals as part of each workplan.

Mary Ann mentioned HB 1921 creating a certification program for well drillers by July 2007. Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, contractors board will be the regulatory authority.

Deborah DeBiasi, Water Division, reviewed the new nutrient trading bill introduced in the 2005 General Assembly.

Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services

Rebecca Askew reported the establishment of the new Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry office has been well received. VDACS is also coordinating comments on DCR's draft nutrient management regulations from the farming community.

Department of Housing and Community Development

An email received prior to the meeting from Wyatt Little reported no new DHCD activity relating to ground water protection.

Department of Health

Chris Adkins commented on the amended landfill siting criteria coming out of the 2005 General Assembly. VDH will provide input on establishing Time of Travel (TOT) criteria for landfill and public water supplies.

Chris introduced Sandra Warner with Olver Incorporated. Sandra will be in charge of assisting small systems with source water protection activities. VDH renewed Olver's contract for one year. Sandra provided a summary sheet of their wellhead protection outreach activities.

US Geological Survey

George Harlow reported their work in the Northern Valley continues. Additional funding for this project is being sought through a competitive process in the USGS Office of Ground Water.

Albert Crigger, Virginia Rural Water Association, provided the following update in absentia. Albert continues his springhead protection work for the Town of Jonesville. The Montgomery County PSA has formed a steering committee for protection activities.

Anthony Creech, Resource International, commented on the landfill bill and provided insight into the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Michael Kohnke, Simon and Associates, noted their modeling work for DEQ in contamination incidents and reviewed wellhead protection approaches in Germany and Ontario.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, July 19, 2005